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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to express my feelings in regards to the Microsoft settlement issue. I feel that this settlement is fair and reasonable, and I am anxious to see this dispute resolved. I believe it will be in the public interest to stop litigation against Microsoft.

As an IRS Enrolled Agent, I have been using Microsoft products since the early 80's. I have been very satisfied with the quality of Microsoft software. Interference from the government on this issue will result in lesser benefits to myself as a consumer. This settlement will allow Microsoft to devote its precious resources to designing innovative software, rather than paying court fees. Microsoft has offered to grant its competitors access to information on Windows, and it will not retaliate if other independent companies promote their software within Windows. There will be an oversight committee that will ensure Microsoft complies with all of the agreed upon terms of the current settlement. This will benefit the economy, the technology industry, and consumers.

I support this settlement and hope the federal government will discontinue litigation against Microsoft at the federal level. Please do your part to look out for consumers. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Randal Hill